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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE UNDER 87 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) (Issue Date Not Yet Assigned)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313, Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal of the above-identified U.S. patent application from issue. In support of this petition, Applicants allege as follows:

- 1. Applicants seek to withdraw this application from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) to permit entry of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97;
- 2. Concurrently herewith, Applicants are submitting an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;

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3. Along with the RCE, Applicants are submitting an Information Disclosure Statement citing a patent document for consideration by the Examiner. These references, although previously filed, were not considered by the Examiner. (See Paper Number 20070221 issued by the Examiner)

4. A credit card authorization form, which includes the amount of \$130.00 for the petition fee is enclosed herewith as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). Please charge any deficiency in this fee or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket #: 056203.52693US.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket #: 056203.52693US.

Respectfully submitted,

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